

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Previously presented) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the biodegradable film has a water vapor transmission rate of greater than about 3000 g/m²/24 hrs.
3. (Previously presented) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the biodegradable film has a water vapor transmission rate of greater than about 3500 g/m²/24 hrs.
4. (Previously presented) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the biodegradable polymer is an aliphatic polyester.
5. (Previously presented) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the biodegradable polymer is selected from the group consisting of polycaprolactone, polybutylene succinate, poly(butylene succinate-adipate), polylactic acid, a terpolymer of terephthalic acid, adipic acid, and 1,4-butanediol, and copolymers and mixtures thereof.
6. (Previously presented) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the water soluble polymer is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene oxide, polyethylene glycol, polyvinyl alcohol, and copolymers and mixtures thereof.
7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the biodegradable film has an elongation at break of greater than about 100%.
9. (Previously presented) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the biodegradable film has an elongation at break of greater than about 200%.
10. (Canceled)
11. (Previously presented) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the biodegradable film includes from about 5% to about 30% water soluble polymer by weight of the biodegradable film.
- 12.-13. (Canceled)
14. (Previously presented) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the biodegradable film has a thickness of from about 0.01 to about 5 mils.
- 15.-16. (Canceled)
17. (Previously presented) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the product is a diaper, training pant, feminine pad, panty liner, incontinence product, wound dressing or delivery system.
18. (Previously presented) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the product is disposable.
19. (Currently amended) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the ~~monolayer~~-film is stretched from about 100 to about 500 percent of its original length.

20. (Currently amended) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the ~~monolayer-film~~ an elongation break of about 350% or greater.

21. (Currently amended) A personal care product comprising a biodegradable ~~monolayer-film~~ formed from a stretched precursor film, ~~wherein the biodegradable monolayer-film comprises~~ comprising a biodegradable polymer and a water soluble polymer, wherein the biodegradable monolayer-film comprising ~~comprises~~ from about 70% to about 95% biodegradable polymer by weight of the biodegradable ~~monolayer-film~~, ~~wherein the biodegradable monolayer-film has a water vapor transmission rate of greater than about 2500 g/m²/24 hrs.~~

22. (Currently amended) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the stretched precursor ~~biodegradable monolayer-film~~ is a stretched film ~~wherein~~ comprises a blended mixture of the biodegradable polymer and the water soluble polymer and the biodegradable film has a water vapor transmission rate of greater than about 2500 g/m²/24 hrs. ~~comprise a blended mixture.~~

23. (Previously presented) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the water soluble polymer is polyethylene oxide, polyethylene glycol, or a copolymer thereof.

24. (Currently amended) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the precursor ~~biodegradable monolayer-film~~ was stretched while in contact with an aqueous solution.

25. (Currently amended) A personal care product comprising a ~~stretched~~ biodegradable film formed from a stretched precursor film, ~~wherein the biodegradable monolayer-film comprises~~ comprising a blended mixture comprising ~~of~~ a biodegradable polymer and a water soluble polymer, wherein the

water soluble polymer is polyethylene oxide, polyethylene glycol, or a copolymer thereof, ~~and wherein the film was stretched while in contact with an aqueous solution such that the biodegradable film has a water vapor transmission rate of greater than about 2500 g/m²/24 hrs.~~

26. (New) The personal care product of claim 25, wherein the biodegradable film has a water vapor transmission rate of greater than about 2500 g/m²/24 hrs.

27. (New) A personal care product comprising a biodegradable film formed from a stretched precursor film comprising a blended mixture of a biodegradable polymer and a water soluble polymer, wherein the precursor film was stretched while in contact with an aqueous solution to form the biodegradable film.

28. (New) A personal care product comprising an outer cover layer, a liquid permeable liner layer, and an absorbent body between the outer cover layer and the liner layer,

wherein the liner layer is bonded to the outer cover layer and to the absorbent body, the outer cover layer comprising a blended mixture of a biodegradable polymer and a water soluble polymer; and

wherein the outer cover layer comprises from about 70% to about 95% biodegradable polymer by weight of the outer cover layer.